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SUBJ: MBFR: SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE

1. WE ASSUME WASHINGTON WILL WISH TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN
THE NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE
THE PARTICIPATING ALLIES ATTACH TO THE NEW WESTERN
INITIATIVE.

2. WE WOULD SUGGEST POSSIBLE LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES:

ALLIED LEADERS REAFFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE
TO FOLLOW TWO SEPARATE BUT COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES IN
DEALING WITH THE BUILD-UP OF WARSAW PACT FORCES. THE ALLIES
WILL CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR FORCES TO THE
EXTENT REQUIRED FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE AND TO DETER
AGGRESSION. THE ALLIES WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO USE EVERY
OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE STABILITY IN EUROPE AND IN THE
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WORLD THROUGH REALISTIC NEGOTIATED FORCE REDUCTION
MEASURES. THE ALLIES PREFER THE LATTER APPROACH, BUT
PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION DEPENDS ON A CONSTRUCTIVE
ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES.

LEADERS OF ALLIED COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN MBFR
EMPHASIZE THEIR CONCERN REGARDING THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL

PROGRESS IN THIS NEGOTIATION, AND THE NEED FOR STEPS WHICH
WOULD ENHANCE STABILITY, AND STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY
IN EUROPE. THEY NOTE THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED
A MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE, INTENDED TO MOVE THE VIENNA
NEGOTIATIONS DECISIVELY TO A FIRST AGREEMENT. THESE
ALLIED LEADERS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO AN
EASTERN RESPONSE OF A KIND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE
AS TO THE DEGREE OF INTEREST OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS
ALLIES IN PURSUING MILITARY DETENTE IN EUROPE.RESOR

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